

UNITED STATES MINT



2008 Bald Eagle
Commemorative Coin Program

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America's strength, freedom, and democracy are all symbolized in the image of a Bald Eagle soaring through our spacious skies. The Bald Eagle's proud bearing has adorned the Great Seal of the United States since 1782, representing to the world the American values of courage, spirit, and equality.

Despite Benjamin Franklin's suggestion that the wild turkey become our national symbol, the Second Continental Congress chose the Bald Eagle. Since those early days of the Republic, the Bald Eagle has served as an icon for the ideals that are held precious by our Nation and it continues to inspire patriotism throughout the land.

Unique to North America, Bald Eagles are found in every state of the Union except Hawaii, and are especially abundant in Alaska.

This national treasure came perilously close to extinction. But years of legal protection, hard work, and vigilance have joined to ensure its survival.

Once a rare sight, the Bald Eagle population is now so robust that it no longer needs the protection of the Endangered Species Act, though other protections are still in place.



Public Law 108-486 authorizes the United States Mint to mint and issue these three historic coins that honor the recovery of the Bald Eagle species, mark the 35th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the removal of the Bald Eagle from the Endangered Species List, and celebrate the Bald Eagle's important role as our national emblem.

Join the United States Mint in commemorating the majesty of our national symbol and its remarkable restoration to our Nation's lands, waterways, and skies.



Although the Bald Eagle was almost lost from our skies forever, public and private forces united to ensure our national symbol's survival. Today, the danger of extinction has passed. With great celebration, the Bald Eagle was removed from the Endangered Species List in 2007. Between 50,000 and 70,000 Bald Eagles call Alaska home, with an additional 10,000 nesting pairs found in the 48 lower states.

The Bald Eagle Young Collector's Set highlights the uncirculated Bald Eagle Half-Dollar Coin. This fun and educational package is geared toward the children in your life and brings back the popular "Mint Kids" on a new adventure, learning about the recovery and restoration of our national emblem.

Orders for this product will be accepted from January 15, 2008, through April 15, 2008. We will produce only the quantity of products ordered within this timeframe.

HOW TO ORDER

ONLINE

www.usmint.gov

PHONE

1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468)

8:00 am – 12:00 midnight (ET), seven days a week

TTY 1-800-321-MINT (6468)

8:30 am – 5:00 pm (ET), Monday through Friday

The United States Mint is committed to your 100% satisfaction. Return the entire product within 30 days for replacement or refund.

Standard option order limit information: To ensure the broadest and most fair access to the Bald Eagle Commemorative Coin Program, the following household limits will be enforced:

- 100 units each of the individual proof and uncirculated coin options
- 1 unit of the Three-Coin Proof Set
- 5 units of the Coin and Medal Set

These household order limits will be in effect during the first thirty (30) days of the release of these products. At the end of the initial thirty-day period, and each thirty-day period thereafter, the United States Mint will reevaluate these limits and either extend, adjust or remove them.

Coins shown are not actual size or in proportion.



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